LAST EDITION.

MONDAY EVENING.

TOPEKA, KANSAS DECEMBER 8 1913-

MONDAY EVENING.

The President Tells a Delega tion of Woman Suffragists

He Cannot Urge Their Cause in a Message.

## IT IS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE

Not to "Start Anything" Without the Party Backing.

He Is in Favor of Special House Committee.

Washington, Dec. 8.-President Wilson today told a delegation from the National American Woman's Suffrage association that he favored a standing woman's suffrage committee in the house of representatives but he denied their request that he send a special message to congress urging the reform

message to congress urging the reform.

Marching by twos and fours, with banners afoat, the suffragists braved chill winds of a raw day to storm the White House offices. They were soon ushered into the president's private office and formed a circle about Mr. Wilson. Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president, summarized briefly their appeal to the president to assist the movement either by sending a special message to congress, by including reference to suffrage in any general message he might deliver or by using his influence to have a special committee of the house appointed to consider the subject.

subject.
"I want you ladies, if possible," said
the president to the delegation, " if I
can make it clear to you, to realize just

can make it clear to you, to realize just what my present situation is.

"Whenever I walk abroad I realize that I am not a free man; I am under arrest. I am so carefully and admirably guarded that I have not even the privilege of walking the streets. This is, as it were, typical of my present transference, from being an individual with his mind on any and every subject, to being an official of a great government and incidentally, or so it falls out under our system of government, the spokesman of a party.

His Rule of Conduct. His Rule of Conduct.

"I set myself this very strict rule when I was governor of New Jersey and have followed it as president and shall follow it as president—that I am not at liberty to urge on congress in messages, policies which have not had the organic consideration of those for whom I am spokesman.
"In other words, I have not yet pre-

ther words. I have not yet pre "In other words, I have not yet presented to any legislature my private views on any subject and I never shall, because I conceive that to be part of the whole process of government. That I shall be spokesman for somebody, not for myself, it would be an impertinence. When I speak for myself, I am an in dividual when I am spokesman of an organic body. I am a representative.

"For that reason, you see I am by my own principles shut out in the language of the street, from 'starting anything.' I have to confine myself to those things which have been embodied as promises to the people at an bodied as promises to the people at an election. This is the strict rule I set

"I want to say that with regard to all other matters I am not only glad to be consulted by my colleagues in the two houses, but I hope they will often pay me the compliment of consulting me when they want to know my opinion on any subject. One mem-ber of the rules committee did come to me and ask me what I thought about tribu this suggestion of yours of appointing a special committee of the house as the senate has already appointed a special committee for the considera-tion of woman suffrage, and I told him that I thought that it was a proper thing to do, so, that, so far as my personal advice has been asked by a sin-gle member of the committee it has been given to that effect. I want to tell you that to show that I am strictly living up to my principles. When who are co-operating with me, I am most glad to give it, but I am not at liberty until I speak for some y until I speak for somebody be myself to urge legislation upon

Dr. Shaw Speaks Up. There was a pause and Dr. Anna

There was a pause and Dr. Anna
Shaw spoke up.

"May I ask you a question?" said she.
The president nodded assent.

"Since we are members of no political party, who is to speak for us if we don't speak for ourselves?"

"You do that very admirably," remarked the president, and the entire assemblage joined in a laugh.

The president thanked his visitors for calling and said he would like to shake hands with them. Dr. Shaw thanked the president for his courtesy in receiving the delegation and the members filed by the president.

"I come from Sait Lake City," Mrs. Luiu L. Sheppard told the president,

Lulu L. Sheppard told the president, "and though my husband voted for Roosevelt, I and my daughter voted for you, so you see what woman suf-frage can do."

frage can do."

"I hope you will make him a convert," said the president.

Conflicting comments were forthcoming from the delegates when they lined up in front of the executive offices to have their pictures taken, after the reception. Dr. Shaw expressed the view that the president's interview was very satisfactory.

"It was all that we could ask for." she said. "He is in favor of a com-

she said. "He is in favor of a com-mittee of the house; that was our chief purpose in coming to see him." Mrs. Shaw added she was much en-

mrs. Snaw added she was much encouraged and expected action by congress. Some one asked Mrs. Medill McCormick if she had any comment to make on the president's reply.

"No," said Mrs. McCormick. "I want to think."

Landis Has a Big Docket.
Chicago, Dec. 8.—One hundred and twenty-nine cases involving \$200,000 in fines against a score of railroads, were on the calendar of Judge Landis in the United States district court today. The suits were brought by District Attorney Wilkerson for alleged violations of the 28-hour cattle law, the quarantine law and the safety appliance statute.

### IT IS CLEAR AND COLD.

Will Be the Same Kind

day-a great relief after the disagree THIS MORNIN INDH CHILLY | able conditions of last week. The

temperature was 3 degrees below nor-mal for this date. The forecast calls

The shippers' forecast: "Protect 36 hour shipments north and west against temperature of from 20 to 25 degrees; east 25 degrees; east and south 25 de-

and south 25 degrees."

At 2 o'clock the wind was blowing at the rate of six miles an hour from the south. The stage of the river this morning was eight feet as against 6.8 feet Sunday, and 8.7 feet Saturday.

The hourly readings:

The spring months were unusually dusty and windy, and the summer months extremely hot. Mrs. M. A. months extremely hot. Mrs. M. A. McCammon, who has lived in the county 35 years, says she never experienced such a long, dry, hot summer. But October was unusually cold and disagreeable. November, however, was pleasant until the twenty-eighth day, when rain began falling, and it has rained continuously almost all the time since then.

The wheat fields, which have been excellent pasture until now, are too

excellent pasture until now, are too soft now to permit cattle running on them. Grass and shrubbery have the appearance of spring. Live stock is looking especially fine, and the pre-diction is made that there will be bumper crops in 1914.

bumper crops in 1914.

Over Five Inches at Sabetha.

Sabetha, Kan., Dec. 8.—Five and one-half inches of rain have fallen here in six days. It has been eight days since the sun has shone. The wheat prospects were never better at this season of the year.

There is very little corn in the field. Corn is being shipped from Iowa and sold to the farmers at 74 cents per bushel.

Eight Days Without Sun.

Eight Days Without Sun. Grainfield, Kan., Dec. 8.—For eight days the people of this county have not seen the sun. Not in thirty years has there been as much moisture in the ground at this time of the year. There have been rains at intervals for the last eight days, but for the last 33 hours there has been a steady downpour.

Wakeeney, Dec. 8.—Almost three nches of rain has fallen here in the last twenty-four hours, making a to-tal of five and one-half inches in the last two weeks, and we have had less than an hour of sunshine since Thanksgiving. The temperature for the whole period has been quite even and moderate, ranging from 41 to 51 degrees.

# PLUNGES 2,000 FEET

Aviator Narrowly Escapes Drowning in San Francisco Bay.

About Central America.

Washington, Dec. 8.—President Wilson told callers today that the United States did not wish to establish a protectorate over any country of Central America or over any other part of the globe. Published reports that the United States contemplated a new and far-reaching policy with respect to Central America, especially Nicaragua, brought a prompt denial from the White House. The president denied that there was any new development in the Nicaraguan treaty situation which still is in the state of negotiation.

The samount will even face battleships."

A resolution demanding the instant release of Mrs. Pankhurst was carried with enthusiasm, but as the meeting was dispersing the news of her liberation was announced and was greeted with prolonged cheers. Several large donations to the cause were made, amounting in all to \$50,000. This amount includes \$22,560, the proceeds of Mrs. Pankhurst was carried with enthusiasm, but as the meeting was dispersing the news of her liberation was announced and was greeted with prolonged cheers.

Several large donations to the cause were made, amounting in all to \$50,000. This amount includes \$22,560, the proceeds of Mrs. Pankhurst was carried with enthusiasm, but as the meeting was dispersing the news of her liberation was announced and was greeted with prolonged cheers.

Several large donations to the cause were made, amounting in all to \$50,000. This amount includes \$22,560, the proceeds of Mrs. Pankhurst's American tour.

Welcomed to London.

Villa Orders All Merchants in Northern Mexico

To Make No Advance Because of the War.

He Will Confiscate Their Entire Stock in Trade.

Is Patrolling Territory From Juarez to Chihuahua.

ing the rebel territory on a norma basis, General Francis co Villa today issued an order that all foodstuffs shall be sold at prices usually obtained in times of peace. Stores in Chihuahua and other rebel cities are required to 7 o'clock ... 23|11 o'clock ... 30 and other rebel cities are required to 8 o'clock ... 25|12 o'clock ... 32 sell goods at prices named by Villa. 9 o'clock ... 25|1 o'clock ... 35| The rebel leader said that if merchants 10 o'clock ... 28|2 o'clock ... 37| attempted to ask higher prices owing sell goods at prices named by Villa. attempted to ask higher prices owing to the war he would confiscate their

shipped from Juarez to the almost fam-ished citizens of Chihuahua. The food-stuffs are to be sold at cost price un-stuffs are to be sold at cost price un-

Kansas Wettest in 30 Years at the merchants are able to replenish their stocks after the reopening of the railroad. Unless the federal troops, who deserted Chihuahua unexpectedly, turn up and resort to guerrilla warfare, the northern part of Mexico will assume a semblance of peace through the opening of the railroads.

Reamsville, Kan., Dec. 8.—It has rained steadily for eight days in Smith county. The last year has been peculiar climatically, and "unlucky 13" is being discussed as a cause.

The spring months were unusually in the border might attempt to reing the border might attempt to retreat to the state of Nuevo Leon.

Expecting a Fight.

Mexico City, Dec. 8.—A battle between the federal troops under General Joaquin Maas former governor of Puebla. and the rebel army commanded by General Condido. by General Candido Aguilar, is expect-ed within a few days somewhere north of Tuxpam. War office advices today report a general advance from Tuxpam of a column of federals said to num-ber 1,800 men. The rebels are known

as and it is in fine shape.

Hill City Gets Soaker.

Hill City Kan., Dec. 8.—The greatest rain in many months began falling here November 29, and it has rained more than a week without ceasing. At 10 o'clock Saturday morning 4.60 inches of rain had fallen, and it was still coming. It is raining very slowly and every drop is soaking into the ground. Prospects are fine here for a good year.

Nearly 3 Inches of Rain at 2.

over the north central portion of the country.

"There will be snow today from the lake region eastward with high winds but present pressure distribution does not indicate any other precipitation of consequence over the east, south and southwest. Rains will probably set in today over the north Pacific states and they will cover the middle and northern districts west of the Rocky mountains by Tuesday or Wednesday and will extend mostly as local snows into the northwest. A little later in the week snows or rains will extend into the upper Mississippi valley and the lake region, reaching the lower lake region toward the end of the week."

# MRS. PANKHURST OUT

Her Hunger Strike Wins Her Free dom in Three Days.

San Francisco Bay.

San Francisco, Dec. 8.—Silas Christofferson, the aviator, narrowly escaped death by drowning when his hydroaeroplane plunged almost straight downward from a height of 2,000 feet into San Francisco bay. Christofferson was strapped in the seat of the machine and as the plane struck the water it overturned, leaving the aviator head downward beneath the surface. He unbuckled the four straps that held him and after being submerged for more than a minute came to the surface again. He was taken out of the water by life savers.

Arthur C. Rybitzky had a similar accident when his machine somersaulted near the shore. His hydroplane was badly damaged.

NO NEW POLICY

London, Dec. 8.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the suffragette leader who was arrested at Plymouth Dec. 4, on her arrival from the United States, aboard the steamer Majestic, was released from the Exeter jail at 10 o'clock last night. Mrs. Pankhurst trike immediately. Mrs. Pankhurst was driven to a hotel. She appeared very weak and immediately retired to bed in charge of a nurse. Mrs. Pankhurst is liberated on seven days' license. She intends to proceed to London the earliest possible moment.

Not anticipating the early release of their leader, suffragette leader who was arrested at Plymouth Dec. 4, on her arrival from the United States, aboard the steamer Majestic, was released from the Exeter jail at 10 o'clock last night. Mrs. Pankhurst strike immediately. Mrs. Pankhurst was driven to a hotel. She appeared very weak and immediately retired to bed in charge of a nurse. Mrs. Pankhurst is liberated on seven days' license. She intends to proceed to London at the earliest possible moment.

Not anticipating the early release of their leader, who was arrested at Plymouth Dec. 4, on her arrival from the United States, aboard the steamer Majestic, was released from the Exeter jail at 10 o'clock last night. Mrs. Pankhurst was driven to a hotel. She appeared very weak and immediately retired to bed in charge of a nurse. Mrs. Pankhurst is liberated on se

"Here and now we swear that never again will the government get Mrs. Pankhurst. We shall organize a bodyguard which will even face battleships."

line Pankhurst on her arrival toda, from Exeter. Although all ambulance and a stretcher were taken to the station they were not seeded, as Mrs. Pankhurst was able to alight from the train with the assistance of a nurs and another companion. She looke very weak and made her way with tot tering steps from the train to a carriage. She was taken to a nursing home at the head of a long processio of taxicabe containing her cheering supporters.

# of the fair weather, and there is expected to be littie change in tem-

Girl 23 Years Old Disappears in Mysterious Manner.

All the Police in New York Looking for Her.

New York, Dec. 8.—Every policeman in Greater New York had instructions today to look out for Miss Jessie McCann, the 23-year-old daughter of Robert McCann, a wealthy wholesale grocer, who disappeared last Thursday as mysteriously as did Dorothy Arnold. She left home Thursday morning ostensibly to go to a home for destitute children where she did volunteer work as an instructor.

she did volunteer work as an instructor.

Since that time all trace of her has
been lost, although a friend of the
family reported today having seen a
girl answering her description in Wall
street Friday night. To him she appeared dazed. The girl's father is a
personal friend of Mayor Kline and
has appealed to the mayor to expedite the police search.

"I am positive there is no romantic
reason back of Jessie's disappearance," he said. "Had there been she
certainly would have sent us some
word before this, because she would
have known how terrible our anxiety
would be, and it certainly would not
be characteristic of my daughter to
cause her family any suffering.

"On the other hand she has never
suffered in the least from any mental

suffered in the least from any mental or nervous trouble, and the idea that she became ill and wandered away unwittingly does not seem to have the slightest fact to bear it out."

Real Heads of the Suffrage Organization

Have Nothing to Do With New Party or New Movement.

A meeting of the educational department of the Kansas Citizenship league, an organization which is the successor of the Kansas Equal Suffrage association, under the direction of which the franchise was won for Kansas women, had a meeting in Topeka Survey of the Washington, Dec. &—Real winter weather will prevail over most of the country during the coming week.

"The week will open with low temperatures, probably the lowest of the present season," the weather bureau's weekly bulletin says, "over the interior districts east of the Rocky mountains and with frost to the middle guif of Mexico coast. During Monday night the cold weather will extend to the Atlantic coast and rather low temperature will probably continue over the eastern portion of the country until late in the week. Over the extreme west temperatures will rise early in the

Taylor Riddle Favors Plan for

and He Would Have February 22 the Date.

So There'll Be Twe Bourbon Gatherings Next Year.

William Allen White Endorses Foley Appointment.

the man of the state for good laws. Mr. Grilling and "we have not law the state of the state of

Son county.

Democratic Editors Coming.

Kansas Democratic editors will meet in Topeka Feb. 22, the date of their regular annual gathering. It is probable that the meeting will be held at the Throop hotel and will close with a banquet. More than the usual number of Democratic publishers are expected to attend this meeting and plans are being made to secure a speaker of national prominence to address the meeting. As yet no definite decision as to the selection of a visiting speaker has been made.

Kansas Democrats will hold a mass convention in Topeka. February 23, what is a second to second the conference of the co

Summits His Estimates

For Improvement of Rivers and Harbors in U. S.

### FOR THE MISSOURI \$2,000,000

The Same Amount Is Required for the Mississippi.

A Reduction of \$9,634,994 on Last "Pork Barrel."

rectly to the consumer.

Mr. Ward returned to Chicago to accept an executive position with a dry goods firm, which he helped responsible after the fire of 1871. His pigeon rivers, \$230,000: between Florence and Riverton, \$240,000: below Riverton, \$120,000: French Broad and Little pigeon rivers, \$23,515.